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1997		
January	1209.05	1044.10
February	1228.36	1015.99
March	1922.99	812.29
April	944.28	968.92
May	1062.31	1055.39
June (approx)	943.00	1100.00

(c) From the figures given above, it can be seen that Super Bazar has continued to maintain inventory holding equivalent to the sales except for the month of June, 1997 where the sales have gone down by around Rs. 2.00 crores as a result of which the inventory holding has increased. The decrease in the sale was due to inadequate supply of Palmolein oil by Hindustan Vegetable Oils Ltd. for want of stocks with them.

(d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 7.83 crores is recoverable from the various government organisations/ Public Sector Undertakings as on 30.6.1997.

(f) and (g) The Regional Distribution Centre (RDC) Managers/Branch Incharges have been instructed by Super Bazar to expedite the recoveries.

(h) The comparative figures of monthwise inventory holding of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are not available. However, the inventory holding of the two organizations are determined by several factors which are not common to them.

Inland Fishery Projects

1103. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted some projects for approval regarding strengthening of Inland Fishery Marketing infrastructure in the State;

(b) if so, the cost thereof; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted so far 6 projects for Inland Fish Marketing Scheme at a total cost of Rs. 431 lakh at the following places:—

1. Ghaziabad;
2. Bareilly;
3. Lucknow;
4. Gorakhpur;
5. Varanasi; and
6. Allahabad.

(c) All the above mentioned projects have been accorded approval by the Central Government.

Life Saving Drugs

1104. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the essential life saving drugs are not available in the market which are causing a lot of inconvenience to the people of North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are keeping a watch in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure that essential life saving drugs are made available in the market of North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e) Government is operating a system whereby localised shortage of medicines is reported by the State Drug Controllers to the concerned manufacturer under intimation to this Department i.e. shortages are monitored at State level. The Department, however, on the basis of reports received in regard to shortages, takes up the matter with the concerned manufacturers for ensuring speedy availability of the medicines in the areas concerned.